

Vernon Bailey. It has already been recorded incidentally (Cooke, Bull. U. S. Dept. Agric., No. 292, October 25, 1915, p. 47), but owing to its importance it seems worthy of special notice in a place more accessible to ornithologists generally. It represents the easternmost record of *Larus canus brachyrhynchus*, and the only really interior occurrence of the species in the United States. For the change of the name of this bird from *Larus brachyrhynchus* to *Larus canus brachyrhynchus* see 'The Auk,' XXXVI, No. 1, January, 1919, p. 83.—HARRY C. OBERHOLSER, *Washington, D. C.*

***Polysticta Eyton* versus *Stelleria Bonaparte*.**—Mr. G. M. Mathews has recently (Austral Avian Record, III, No. 5, December 28, 1917, p. 123) advocated the use of the generic name *Stellaria* Bonaparte for the species now known as *Polysticta stelleri* (Pallas). The term *Stellaria* is, of course, as he shows, not debarred from employment in zoölogy by the previous use of *Stellaria* in botany; but he has apparently overlooked the fact that *Polysticta* is not preoccupied, since *Polysticta* Smith (Illust. South Afr. Zool.), June [or later], 1836, does not invalidate *Polysticta* Eyton (Catal. Brit. Birds), April, 1836, a fact to which Dr. C. W. Richmond long ago (Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash. XVI, September 30, 1903, p. 128) called attention. It is evident, therefore, that the name of Steller's Eider should remain *Polysticta stelleri* (Pallas).—HARRY C. OBERHOLSER, *Washington, D. C.*

Further Record of the European Widgeon at Madison, Wis.—On April 14, 1918, in the wide-water at the head of Lake Waubesa, four miles south of Madison, I was able to identify unmistakably a typical specimen of the European Widgeon (*Mareca penelope*) that was in the company of seventeen Baldpates (*Mareca americana*). The bird was drawn so close by my 40-power telescope that it covered one-third of the field and allowed close study.

It may be of further interest to restate the substance of a note submitted by Mr. A. W. Schorger to the January, 1918 issue of 'The Auk' in regard to the recent appearance of the European Widgeon in the vicinity of Madison. On April 22, 1917, a specimen was discovered by Mr. Schorger on the Hammersley Marsh in company with about thirty Baldpates and a few other ducks. It remained at least four days and was seen by me at close range on three occasions, the last being on the 26th. On the 28th Mr. George H. Jenkins observed a specimen, perhaps the same, among a flock of Baldpates on the Yahara Marshes ten miles distant.—WARNER TAYLOR, *Madison, Wisconsin*.

A Late Record for *Rallus elegans* for Maine.—November 22, 1909, Mr. A. G. Dorr, Bucksport, Me., collected and sent me in the flesh a fine male specimen of the King Rail. It measured as follows: length, 16.30; wing, 6.75; tail, 2.10; tarsus, 2.34 and bill, 2.40 inches. It was marked above with brownish-black and olive-brown feather edging; light throat and rufous-cinnamon, breast and flanks fuscous, distinctly barred with